

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 8-12, and 18-20 are pending in this application. Claims 3-7 and 13-17 are canceled by the present response without prejudice.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10-12, 15, 16, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0052076 to Mueller et al. (herein "Mueller"). Claims 3, 4, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Mueller in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0120156 to Ryan. Claims 7-9 and 17-19 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

Initially, applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter of claims 7-9 and 17-19.

With respect to the indication of the allowable subject matter, the present response is submitted to recite subject matter believed to be allowable as indicated in the Office Action.

More particularly, independent claim 1 is amended by the present response to now include features from each of dependent claims 5, 6, and 7. Independent claim 11 is similarly amended to now include features from each of independent claims 15, 16, and 17.

Independent claims 1 and 11 do not include the limitations from respective dependent claims 2 and 12 directed to the LED unit including a third LED of a third color, as that feature was not noted as required in the allowable subject matter. Also, amended independent claims 1 and 11 recite a frequency modulation, and do not recite an amplitude modulation (as was recited in certain of the above-noted dependent claims), to avoid any unclear language and confusion.

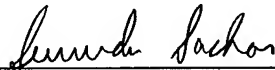
In such ways, each of independent claims 1 and 11 is believed to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the Office Action. Thus, each of independent claims 1 and 11, and the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

In view of the presently submitted claim amendments the outstanding rejections based on Mueller and Mueller in view of Ryan are believed to be obviated by the present response.

Thereby, in view of the present response applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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